

HISTORICAL HOUSES

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Free to Residents this Weekend



The King Caesar House

The Captain Gershom Bradford House and the King Caesar House invite Duxbury residents to free tours on June 15 and 16, from 1 to 4. If you have never visited Duxbury's historic house museums, come this weekend. Learn about the days of shipbuilding and the lives of prominent 19th century Duxbury people at these 2 historic homes as guests of the Duxbury Rural & Historical Society. Non-residents will be charged regular admission.

The King Caesar House, 120 King Caesar Rd., is a fine Federal house built 1808/09 for Ezra Weston Jr., known as King Caesar for his extensive shipbuilding and worldwide shipping enterprises. There are French wallpapers, period furnishings, and gardens. The King Caesar House will be open Wednesdays through Sundays, 1-4, through Sept. 1.

Special exhibits at the King Caesar House this summer are: Our Boys -- Duxbury in the Civil War, designed by Cam Waterhouse, Dick Dobbins, and Lisa Fontanes, in the Potter Museum, and 2 exhibits created by DHS students Laren Eriksen and Lory Walker, 19th Century Clothing -- A Duxbury Collection, and Antique Tools -- A Window to Early Crafts.

The Capt. Gershom Bradford House

The Captain Gershom Bradford House, 931 Tremont St., built in 1808 by a shipmaster, housed 4 generations of the Bradford family for over 160 years. Original

furnishings highlight the family's seafaring history and life ashore. The house will be open Saturdays and Sundays through Sept. 1, from 1 to 4, and by appointment.

The Duxbury Rural & Historical Society looks forward to greeting you this weekend as the season opens. During the summer there will be a small admission fee at each house. DR&HS members are admitted free and membership is open to all. A combination ticket for both houses offers a reduced rate. Special rates for seniors, students, children and groups. For information call 934-6106.